

In re Application of: Markus Kalkum et al.

Serial No.: 09/701,203

Filed: November 27, 2000

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROCESSING EXTREMELY  
SMALL SUBSTANCE QUANTITIES

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

— Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

— A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

x No additional fee is required.

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x40=	\$
+135=	\$

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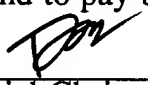
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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, we respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification

On page 1, between lines 2 and 3, please insert --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;  
and

between lines 8 and 9, please insert --BACKGROUND--.

On page 4, line 15, please change "the", first occurrence, to --accordingly an--;  
please delete lines 25 - 27; and

between lines 27 and 28, please insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 7, between lines 16 and 17, please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF  
THE DRAWINGS--.

On page 8, before line 1, please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION--.

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